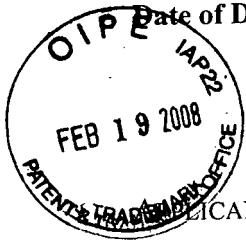


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APPLICANTS: Victor Dzau et al.
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Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The additional elements required for the RCE are listed below:

1. Response and Amendment (10 pgs.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check No. 25290 in the amount of \$405.00 to cover the RCE fee;
4. Check No. 25291 in the amount of \$525.00 to cover the Extension fee;
5. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 10/701,789. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee to cover the Request for Continued Examination. The submission provided herein is an Amendment and Response. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (c). With a Three-Month Extension of Time, this request is due on or before February 19, 2008.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18989-028.

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